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Tuesday, October 20, 2015 10:50 PM

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Fwd: Chesapeake Bay

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From: "Garvin, Shawn" < garvin.shawn@epa.gov> Date: October 20, 2015 at 10:17:33 PM EDT

To: "Fritz, Matthew" < Fritz. Matthew@epa.gov >, "Herckis, Arian" < Herckis. Arian@epa.gov >

Subject: RE: Chesapeake Bay

Matt - Here are a couple of quick thoughts for the Administrator for the call:

1) Recognize the challenges the Governor and the Commonwealth face with the lack of a budget;

2) Thank him for the commitment that <u>Secretary Quigley expressed on his behalf at the EC meeting</u>

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to get Pennsylvania back on track;

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. I will be on the call, so I can jump in whenever the Administrator wants me to.

Thanks - Shawn

From: Fritz, Matthew

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 6:15 PM

To: Garvin, Shawn; Herckis, Arian Subject: RE: Chesapeake Bay

Shawn,

Thank you very much. Very helpful. We will look out for the bullets and let you know if there is anything else she needs.

From: Garvin, Shawn

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 6:13 PM

To: Fritz, Matthew < Fritz. Matthew@epa.gov >; Herckis, Arian < Herckis. Arian@epa.gov >

Subject: Fwd: Chesapeake Bay

Matt & Arian - It has been a couple of weeks since the Administrator & I talked and I sent the information below. Now that we have a date & time set for the Administrator to talk to Governor Wolf (which is Thursday, as you know), I wanted to know if the Administrator needs anything else for the call. Also, I will send a couple of bullets tonight when I get to the hotel to remind her of our conversation.

Thanks - Shawn

Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Garvin, Shawn" <garvin.shawn@epa.gov>

Date: October 7, 2015 at 4:31:38 PM EDT

To: " (b)(6) Administrator McCarthy >

Cc: "Herckis, Arian" < Herckis. Arian@epa.gov>, "Fritz, Matthew" < Fritz. Matthew@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Chesapeake Bay

Administrator – Following up on our conversation yesterday, below is the message (w/ attachment) I sent to Secretary Quigley regarding the steps we may take if they can't get us a meaningful plan in a in the near future. In addition, I have attached the letter (with attachment) informing him that we are withholding grant funds.

In addition, it is my understanding that the Secretary is focusing on three things: 1) More BMP funding; 2) Better Data Collection to Inform the Model; and 3) More Enforcement (which will take more

bodies). I think this is the basic foundation of the plan he is putting together, but it appears that not everyone has bought into what it will take to implement it.

Please let me know if you need anything else for your conversation with the Governor.

Thank you - Shawn

From: Garvin, Shawn

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 9:28 PM

To: <u>Jquigley@pa.gov</u> Subject: Chesapeake Bay

John – I wanted to follow up Pennsylvania's efforts to increase your pace to meet your Chesapeake Bay responsibilities. I am encouraged by the commitment you have made on behalf of the Commonwealth,



Please let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to continuing our regular communications.

Thank you - Shawn

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The Honorable John H. Quigley Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Rachel Carson Office Building P.O. Box 2063 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105

Dear Secretary Quigley: John

This is regarding Chesapeake Bay implementation funding for Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) and the status of Pennsylvania's 18-month Chesapeake Bay Strategy. I want to thank you for the clear commitment you have made to address the necessary nutrient and sediment reduction strategies to get the Commonwealth back on track to meet the Bay goals. At this time, we lack details about the strategies you will be proposing to close the nutrient and sediment reduction gaps and how they will be incorporated into the Chesapeake Bay grant requests.

We have reviewed the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (PADEP) draft FY15 Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program (CBRAP) and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant (CBIG) work plans. The draft FY15 CBRAP and CBIG work plans did not meet the expectations shared by EPA in our recent correspondence. EPA also is unclear how Pennsylvania's pending 18-month Chesapeake Bay Strategy is reflected in these work plans.

Each annual grant cycle is valuable in directing Agency and Commonwealth resources to accelerate the pace of program implementation to close the growing nutrient and sediment gaps in Pennsylvania's Watershed Implementation Plan and two-year milestones. This grant cycle is critical for Pennsylvania to demonstrate its commitment to ensure that it can meet the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) goals.

Since the current work plans show little change from prior submissions, EPA is funding your FY15 CBRAP and CBIG awards at a level less than requested in the application. EPA is taking this action to provide time for a more complete discussion of: (1) how the Pennsylvania 18-month Chesapeake Bay Strategy commitments might be reflected in the FY15 CBRAP and CBIG work plans; and (2) how Pennsylvania will address EPA's work plan comments. Enclosed are the details regarding the work plan objectives that are not being funded at this time. Please note that the EPA supplemental projects and the local government implementation funding for Pennsylvania will be awarded at 100% of the requested amounts. However, the base grant amounts will be funded at 54% for CBIG and 50% for CBRAP at this time.

EPA expects the lower level of funding for Pennsylvania's FY15 CBRAP and CBIG grants to be a temporary action. EPA may award additional FY15 funding to the CBRAP and CBIG work plans once Pennsylvania addresses EPA's comments/concerns and submits the 18-month Chesapeake Bay strategy. EPA's comments/concerns have been provided in the May 4, 2015 and August 13, 2015 letters, the enclosed document, and through ongoing work plan communication with your staff.

I look forward to our continued discussions on these issues and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Mrs. Kinshasa Brown-Perry, EPA's Pennsylvania Liaison, at (215) 814-5404.

Sincerely.

Shawn M. Garvin Regional Administrator

Enclosure